

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD

SATURDAY MEETING

MAY 5, 1962

Mrs. Roth, our president, led us in the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Father Aloysius led us in the recitation of the Litany and various Guild prayers. Then Mrs. Roth welcomed all our brothers and sisters present today in the month of Our Blessed Mother. Guests and prospective members were introduced and welcomed.

Our treasurer, Mrs. Phair reported the amount of \$238.06 cash on hand; 140 Holy Masses for the month of April....6 for Theresa Neumann's intentions. Mrs. Roth then told us a few words about these Masses for Theresa Neumann's intentions and read a portion of a letter from the husband of one of the nieces of Theresa Neumann which was sent to one of our members, Mr. Horton.

The meeting was then turned over to Father Aloysius.

Dear members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild:

I am very happy to address you today...this month of May. Tomorrow is to be Mary's Hour and I know you'll all be there. And a week later is the 45th anniversary of the apparition of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima. At this time, Communism was only something in name. We are counting on her prophesy to be fulfilled. We are banking on the defeat of communism, and that Her Immaculate Heart will triumph. We all recite our daily rosary and we must also perform sacrifices.... this is nothing else but the fulfilling of our duties in life. Our vocation is given....assigned to us by Almighty God from all eternity and must be fulfilled with perfect resignation. Each one of us has a different degree....but it must be fulfilled in imitation of Christ.... to be identified with Christ....to take on Christ....to be completely

concentrated on Christ. There is a spiritual quality. We must see the virtue as exemplifying Christ. We must see how un-Christlike we are in our defects. We must hate our faults by seeing how they keep us away from Christ, the center of our creation. The sole purpose for which we are created is our oneness with Christ.

At the Last Supper, after the institution of the Holy Priesthood and Holy Eucharist, His prayer to His heavenly Father was that we be one with Christ. St. Paul stressed this very much many times when he said for us to be imitators of Christ. Be clothed with the virtues of Christ! This was uppermost in the liturgy of the Church during Holy Week.

In the Holy Mass, we must be mystically buried with Christ.... to die to our defects...our sins. In each Holy Mass, we must propose to imitate and re-enact, as nearly as possible in our own way, the death to sins and our defects, no matter how small....dead to our old faults; and to be resurrected to the newness of life.

Do all you can to be identified with Christ in all your words, in all your actions, in all your thoughts....to do all through Him, and with Him, and in Him. We must be in the world, but not of the world. Through Mass, we arrive at the Resurrection and the Ascension of Christ. Our pattern in life should be as Christ after His Resurrection and prepare ourselves for our ascension, too, into heaven where we will take on the qualities of Christ's Body. Our life on earth should be as disentangled with things of earth as possible. We must fulfill our duties as Christ wants us to...asking for Christ's disposition....to live the life of Christ in our own life. We must daily ascend to heaven, in spirit. We must spend each day as though it were our last. Develop the qualities for living our life...fulfilling our duties....as Christ has given to each as stepping stones unto Christ. Let not creatures be a hinderance to us, but as steps toward our ascen-

sion. Heaven is our Eternal City. Here we are in our exile and struggling towards our everlasting abode in heaven. Each of us has our own position which we must attain in heaven. We have, each day, graces given to us to help us attain our mystical resurrection and ascension. God looks at us the way we are, here and now....the present moment. Let us try to make it the very best. Try to realize this present moment my duty is to die to sin, attain my resurrection and reach my heavenly Mansion.

Everyone is vitally important to Our Lord. He has arranged, from all eternity, for each of us to gain our salvation. We must be interested in all souls. We are His living image of His portrait. It will take all the Saints to display the perfections of Almighty God. Each one will have a different degree of holiness and each one will show some of God's perfection. Let us be able to say....It is consummated....that we have fulfilled all that God wants of us.

At every Holy Mass we witness Christ's actual death just as Our Blessed Mother and St. John and Mary Magdalene witnessed it at Calvary. Christ is the Priest, the Victim. We must approach Christ in every Holy Mass with all confidence and ask Him to ask of His Heavenly Father for all our needs and those of our families. Be united in spirit to every Holy Mass being said over the whole earth.....to wish to die to our sins...our faults....to wage a constant war against them. Realize each Mass we attend is most beneficial.

Be sure, Our Blessed Mother is going to come all the way. She needs each one of us to stay close to Her. And let us ask our Holy Father, Pius XII...the Pope of Fatima....to keep us close to Our Blessed Mother....close to Her Immaculate Heart.

I wish you all to recite your consecration to Her Immaculate Heart each day so that you'll feel close to Our Blessed Mother. Do this after Holy Communion. No one was so close to Our Blessed Mother as Her Divine Son.

Communism is the greatest evil presented against the Church. Let us pray very hard for the abolition of Communism. Let us ask Our Blessed Mother, especially during this month, and particularly during these days before the anniversary of her apparition in Fatima, that her Immaculate Heart will triumph.

After the recitation of our Consecration and various Guild prayers, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.